## STATE OF IOWA

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### **UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NOS. TF-00-262 TF-00-263

#### ORDER DOCKETING TARIFFS AND REQUIRING REPORT

(Issued November 7, 2000)

On October 12, 2000, IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed tariffs, identified as TF-00-262 and TF-00-263, to implement the Second Nature Renewable Energy Program. The proposed tariffs would allow residential customers to voluntarily participate in a program which finances generation technologies that rely on renewable resources or support renewable energy efforts. Participating customers would pay an additional charge for each kilowatt hour of electricity.

On October 31, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed conditional objections to the tariff. Consumer Advocate said it was working with IES and Interstate to resolve outstanding issues and would report to the Board when negotiations are finished. Therefore, the Board will docket the tariff for further investigation but will not set a procedural schedule. IES, Interstate, and Consumer Advocate will be required to file a joint report detailing

their progress in resolving the dockets. The Board will then determine what further proceedings, if any, are required.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Tariff filings TF-00-262 and TF-00-263 are docketed for further investigation and suspended.
- 2. IES Utilities Inc., Interstate Power Company, and the Consumer

  Advocate Division of the Department of Justice shall file a joint report as outlined in
  the body of this order within 45 days from the date of this order.

# **UTILITIES BOARD**

	/s/ Allan T. Thoms
ATTEST:	/s/ Susan J. Frye
/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. Executive Secretary	/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.